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SUBJECT: ANTI-SEMITIAM EVIDENCED AT MEETING

1. ON OCTOBER 22 THE NATIONALIST LIBERATING ALLIANCE (ALN) HELD A CEREMONY IN MEMORY OF EX-PRESIDENT JUAN MANUEL DE ROASAS WITH A VIEW TO ADDING TO THE PRESSURE FOR RETURN OF HIS REMAINS FROM ENGLAND. AMONG THOSE PRESENT WERE SENATOR JOSE ANTONIO ALLENDE AND SEVERAL OFFICIALS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF BUENOS AIRES (UBA). DURING THE PROCEEDINGS, A NUMBER OF ANTI-SEMITIC SLOGANS WRE CHANTED BY THE ASSEMBLED CROWD. WHEN ASKED ABOUT THE MEETING LATERN ALLENDE DENIED HEARING ANY SUCH SHOUTS.

2. THE DELEGATION OF ARGENTINE-ISRAELI ASSOCIATIONS (DAIA), A COORDINATING BODY FOR THE VARIOUS ARGENTINE JEWISH GROUPS, SENT A PROTEST TO INTERIOR MINISTER ROCAMORA, WHO ANSWERED THAT THE PHILOSOPHY OF PERONISM WAS QUITE CLEAR AND HAD NO ROOM FOR DISCRIMINATION OF ANY KIND.

3. COMMENT: WHY ALLENDE, WHO HAS LITTLE IN COMMON WITH THE ALN, LET HIMSELF GET CAUGHT IN SUCH AN EMBARRASSING SITUATION IS PUZZLING. AS ONE JEWISH PERONIST PUT IT TO EMBOFF: "WE KNOW ALLENDE IS AN HONORABLE GENTLEMAN AND IS NOT ANTI-SEMITIC. BUT WHY, THEN, DID HE ATTEND THE MEETING OF AN
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ORGANIZATION WHICH OBVIOUSLY IS?" WHILE THE MEETING

DEMONSTRATED THE UGLIER SIDE OF ONE OF THE ULTRA NATIONALISTIC,
CATHOLIC GROUPS (OF WHICH UBA INTERVENOR OTTALAGANO IS AN
EX-MEMBER), IT ALSO SHOWS THAT RESPONSIBLE GOA OFFICIALS
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